1. (Amended) A cosmetic or pharmaceutical oil-in-water emulsion which comprises at least one polyether siloxane of the general formula (I)

$$R(CH_3)_2SiO-[(CH_3)_2SiO]_n-Si(CH_3)_2R$$
 (I)

where

n = 50 to 250

 $R = -(CH_2)_m - O - (C_2H_4O)_x - (C_3H_6O)_y R^1$ 

m = 2 to 4

x = 3 to 100

y = 0 to 50

 $R^1 = H$ ,  $CH_3$ , or  $CH_2CH_3$ ,

having a proportion by weight of the polyether radicals R of up to 45%, by weight, of the total molecular mass, wherein said oil-in-water emulsion is free of silicone oils.

- 2. (Amended) The cosmetic or pharmaceutical oil-in-water emulsion of Claim 1 further comprising at least one optional coemulsifier and at least one stablizer selected from the group consisting of a liquid-crystalline-structure forming hydrophilic wax, a water-swellable organopolymer, and a mixture of a liquid-crystalline-structure forming hydrophilic wax and a water swellable organopolymer.
- 8. (Amended) The cosmetic or pharmaceutical oil-in-water emulsion of Claim 7 wherein said proportion is from 10 to 35%, by weight.
- 9. (Amended) The cosmetic or pharmaceutical oil-in-water emulsion of Claim 1 further comprising auxiliaries and additives selected from the group consisting of UV light protecting filters, antioxidants, preservatives, insect repellents, self-tanning agents, perfume oils, dyes and active ingredients.





--12. A process of preparing an oil-in-water emulsion comprising:

emulsifying a silicone oil-free oil phase in a water phase with at least one polyether siloxane of the general formula (I)

$$R(CH_3)_2SiO$$
— $[(CH_3)_2SiO]_n$ — $Si(CH_3)_2R$  (I)

where

$$n = 50 \text{ to } 250$$

$$R = -(CH_2)_m - O - (C_2H_4O)_x - (C_3H_6O)_y R^1$$

$$m = 2 \text{ to } 4$$

$$x = 3 \text{ to } 100$$

$$y = 0 \text{ to } 50$$

$$R^1 = H$$
,  $CH_3$ , or  $CH_2CH_3$ ,

having a proportion by weight of the polyether radicals R of up to 45% of the total molecular mass.

- 13. The process of Claim 12 wherein said oil-in-water emulsion further comprises a coemulsfier.
- 14. The process of Claim 12 wherein said oil phase is free of chain-shaped or volatile cyclic polydimethylsiloxanes.
- 15. The process of Claim 12 wherein said oil-in-water emulsion further comprises at least one stabilizer selected from the group consisting of liquid-crystalline-structure forming hydrophilic waxes, water swellable organopolymers and combinations thereof.



- 16. The process of Claim 15 wherein said liquid-crystalline-structure forming hydrophilic wax is selected from the group consisting of stearyl alcohol, stearic acid, glyceryl stearate and mixtures thereof.
- 17. A cosmetic or pharmaceutical oil-in-water emulsion which comprises 10 weight percent or less of an alcohol; and at least one polyether siloxane of the general formula (I)

$$R(CH_3)_2SiO-[(CH_3)_2SiO]_n-Si(CH_3)_2R$$

where

$$n = 50 \text{ to } 250$$

$$R = -(CH_2)_m - O - (C_2H_4O)_x - (C_3H_6O)_y R^1$$

$$m = 2 \text{ to } 4$$

$$x = 3 \text{ to } 100$$

$$y = 0 \text{ to } 50$$

$$R^1 = H$$
,  $CH_3$ , or  $CH_2CH_3$ ,

having a proportion by weight of the polyether radicals R of up to 45%, by weight, of the total molecular mass.

- 18. The cosmetic or pharmaceutical oil-in-water emulsion of Claim 17 further comprising at least one optional coemulsifier and at least one stablizer selected from the group consisting of a liquid-crystalline-structure forming hydrophilic wax, a water-swellable organopolymer, and a mixture of a liquid-crystalline-structure forming hydrophilic wax and a water swellable organopolymer.
- 19. The cosmetic or pharmaceutical oil-in-water emulsion of Claim 17 further comprising polar waxes and a coemulsifier.